Inspiration

One day, In early May, I was lucky enough to be a part of the Readers and Writers Festival, through SKC. We had an extremely literate day ahead of us, at Auckland’s Aotea Centre, where we would take part in two presentations and workshops with some of New Zealand and Australia’s authors. Our first stop, once we were equipped with notebooks and pens, was Sean Williams and Garth Nix. Both Aussie authors and just releasing a new book for children, *Trouble Twisters,* they told us how they started out and how they got to be here. Garth Nix, believe or not, does not go by a pen name, not that he’d ever need too; Garth Nix is a perfect name for a fantasy author. Both Williams and Nix explained that their launches into literature weren’t easy. I found it comforting to know that these acclaimed authors worked for what they have and that their fist novels, (*The Rag Witch* in Nix’s case) weren’t published right away. There was a good message of perseverance in the talk and I found it inspiring to me and I’m sure many others as young writers.

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